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SUBJ: HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT 31ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE UNGA--VENEZUELA

REF: STATE 180074; CARACAS 8322

1. WORKING LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT FOREIGN MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM WILL DEFINITELY HEAD GOV DELEGATION TO UNGA. ESCOBAR WILL PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL SENIOR AIDES, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL POLICY DIRECTOR AMB. GERMAN NAVA CARRILLO AND LATTER'S DEPUTY, AMB. JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ. IN ADDITION, VENEZUELA'S MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, DR. MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO, ALSO IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO ATTEND UNGA. NORMALLY, GOV MINISTERIAL LEVEL OFFICIALS STAY FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK, USUALLY AT THE OPENING OF THE SESSION. OFFICIAL ESTIMATED THAT FINAL DETAILS REGARDING COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL WEEK PRIOR TO OPENING OF UNGA.

2. DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION OF UNGA MATTERS, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL DID NOT ALLUDE TO VENEZUELA INTEREST IN BILATERAL IN NEW YORK AT THIS TIME. ON THE OTHER HAND, OFFICIAL SAID THAT VENEZUELA HAS SPECIAL INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND HIJACKING AND TERRORISM ISSUES. OFFICIAL SAID VENEZUELA PLANS
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TO DISCUSS BOTH THESE ISSUES WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS

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DURING HIS VISIT (SEE REFTEL). AT THIS JUNCTURE, EMBASSY IS NOT RECOMMENDING BILATERALS, BUT WILL AWAIT RESULTS OF LEWIS VISIT EARLY NEXT MONTH.

3. AS REPORTED CARACAS 8322, PRESIDENT PEREZ IS DEFINITELY PLANNING TO VISIT U.S. DURING THE FALL, ALTHOUGH EXACT DATES HAVE NOT YET BEEN SET. WE HAVE LEARNED INFORMALLY THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ PLANS TO GO TO NEW YORK TO ADDRESS THE UNGA. ASENCIO

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